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Convicted Sex Offender Pleads Guilty to Armed Sexual Assaults Against Two Women and One Boy - Three Cases Were Linked By DNA Evidence -

WASHINGTON - Hubert Adolph Fridge Jr., 51 of Washington, D.C., has pled guilty to charges stemming from armed sexual attacks against two women and one boy in separate incidents that were linked by DNA evidence, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Fridge appeared in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on February 8, 2011 and again today for hearings in which he pled guilty to charges of armed kidnapping, kidnapping, second degree sexual abuse while armed with aggravating circumstances, and second degree child sexual abuse while armed with aggravating circumstances.

The Honorable Judge Gerald I. Fisher scheduled sentencing for June 10, 2011.

The sentence provided by the plea, if accepted by the Court, is a range of 12 to 45 years in prison. The defendant also is required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

According to evidence presented at the plea hearings, Fridge approached the first victim, a woman, at 11:25 a.m. on April 22, 2006, outside Metro's Stadium Armory stop. He put something against the back of her head and told her it was a gun. Then he forced her to an isolated location in the rear of Eastern Senior High School, where he sexually assaulted her.

The second attack took place on November 2, 2008. That night, Fridge ran down the outdoor steps of a basement apartment in the 1600 block of C Street NE and caught a woman as she was entering the building. He threw her to the ground, put a knife to her, and sexually assaulted her.

The third incident occurred about 7:20 a.m. on December 2, 2008. Fridge approached a 14-year-old boy as he was walking to school in the District of Columbia. He put a knife to the boy's neck, forced him to an isolated location, and sexually assaulted the victim.

The cases were linked by DNA evidence. The evidence presented at the plea hearing also included facts regarding two prior incidents in which the defendant sexually assaulted two 13-year-old boys at knifepoint in the 1980s. Fridge had pled guilty to those crimes.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the team that worked on these three separate investigations. He praised the lead Metropolitan Police Department detectives – Derek Bolding, Wallace Carmichael, and Ingrid Harkins, of the Sexual Assault Unit, and Lowell Grier, of the Youth Investigations Division’s Child Sexual Abuse Unit. He also acknowledged the efforts of the many Mobile Crime Officers who worked on these cases, including Jay Gregory, Tina Ramadahn, James Holder, James Savage, and Dwayne Mitchell. He also praised the patrol officers who assisted with the investigations, including John Gardner and Donald Leach, of the Sixth Police District, and Dominique Tyson, Frederick McClain, and Brandon Clay, of the First District. U.S. Attorney Machen also recognized the assistance provided by Prince George’s County Police Department Corporal Jeffrey Higgins in all of these investigations. In addition, he cited the work and support provided by Maryland State Probation Officer Traci David and Prince George’s County Police Department Officer First Class Demetric Seegers.

U.S. Attorney Machen also praised those who worked on the case from the U.S. Attorney’s Office, including Lawrence Grasso, of the Intelligence Unit; Victim Witness Advocate Melissa Milam; Paralegal Joyce Arthur, and Legal Assistant Ashley Patterson. Finally, he recognized Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharon Marcus-Kurn who is prosecuting the case.

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